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Real Madrid iconic forward Cristiano Ronaldo has donated €1.5 million to Palestinian children in Gaza, the Arabic version of the club's Classico network reports. The star forward gave his Golden Boot which he earned in 2011 to the Real Madrid foundation. The Spanish giants in their turn sold it at auction and will now donate the funds to schools in Gaza. Cristiano Ronaldo or the Real Madrid Foundation have not commented on the news so far.

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KFC @ Palm Beach

DJ's announced for Cas Di Glas 2012



At left, Cas di Glas DJ's, Jenny Vargas, DJ 101 and Suhail Reyes, with organizers

The immensely successful fundraising event from two years ago, Cas di Glas, will be repeated again this year from December 12 to 16. The first time around raised over 130,000 Aruban florins towards setting up a center for free, regular mammograms to give women a fighting chance against breast cancer.

This year, the White Yellow Cross will be the beneficiaries of the fundraising campaign. Three courageous island radio personalities have committed four days of their time to be locked up in the specially designed glass habitat, broadcasting 24 hours a day. Part of the program is to also encourage islanders to live a healthier life, and they will only drink fruit- and vegetable juices during this time.

Cas di Cas proudly announced the participating DJ's during a press conference at Taste of Belgium restaurant in the Palm Beach Plaza on Wednesday morning, November 21. The shopping center will be hosting the Cas di Glas event.

The noted media personalities donating their time are: Jennifer Vargas of Radio Caliente, Suhail Reyes from Power FM, and Cas di Glas veteran from two years past,

DJ 101 of Cool FM.

The three deejays will try and generate as many contributions as possible over their tenure in the habitat. The White Yellow Cross provides wellness care and vaccinations for infants and children, along with special care for the elderly, including special equipment they often require. The funds raised from the Cas di Glas event are earmarked to buy wheelchairs, special beds, crutches and walkers for its rental store, as well as finance a day care center for the elderly.

The Cas di Glas fundraising event will be launched with Flora's Santa Claus Fun Walk, a 5K walk where all participants are dressed as

Santa Clause. Register for the walk at the IDEFRE office on the second floor of Certified Megamall, or at Flora Market, where Santa suits are available. After the walk, a steady parade of entertainment at Palm Beach Plaza by local and international artists will keep the public entertained during the evening hours. The deejays have an informal competition to raise the most money by posing a challenge for exhibition competition. WII - DJ 101 is addicted to beach tennis, and a court will be set up in the parking lot of the PBP. Jennifer is a fantastic dancer and Suhail is a whiz on the baseball field.

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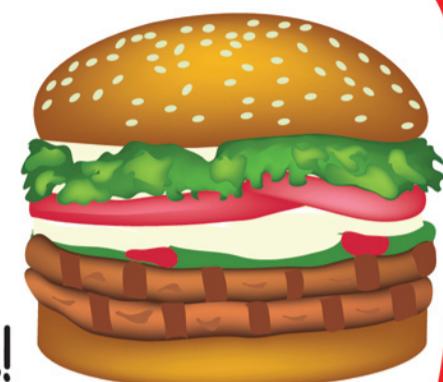


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Serlimar joins Aruba Bank's Rex.com is growing in Good4TheNeighborhood 2012 project



After much preliminary and preparatory work the 7 participating schools are finally ready to execute their project "Upgrade your Bario." This project is the brilliant initiative of Aruba Bank's "Good4 The Neighborhood" program, now in its second year.

The project encourages young people to get together in teams and plan a cleanup action in their barrio. This enables them to contribute with their social responsibility and also put their skills to work according to a specific plan, a budget and a team to make it all happens.

Good4TheNeighborhood "Upgrade your Bario 2012" is scheduled to take place on Saturday and Sunday, November

24 and 25, with three schools taking part in the clean up action.

- Colegio Arubano Oranjestad will be in the Dakota Bario (Pampoenastraat, Macapriumstraat, Macubistaat and Cateloupe straat.)

- Filomena College Mayo in the Yara Bario (Centro Deportivo Curason pa Deporte Yara and vicinity)

- Colegio San Nicolas in the Juana Morto Bario (Diamantbergweg, Juana Morto, Rooi Hundo and Nijhoff straat,

On Sunday, November 25th four schools will be active in the following Barrios:

- Colegio San Antonio in the Ayo Bario (Centro di Bario Ayo & vicinity)

- Maria College in the

Seroe Blanco Bario (RCA & vicinity)

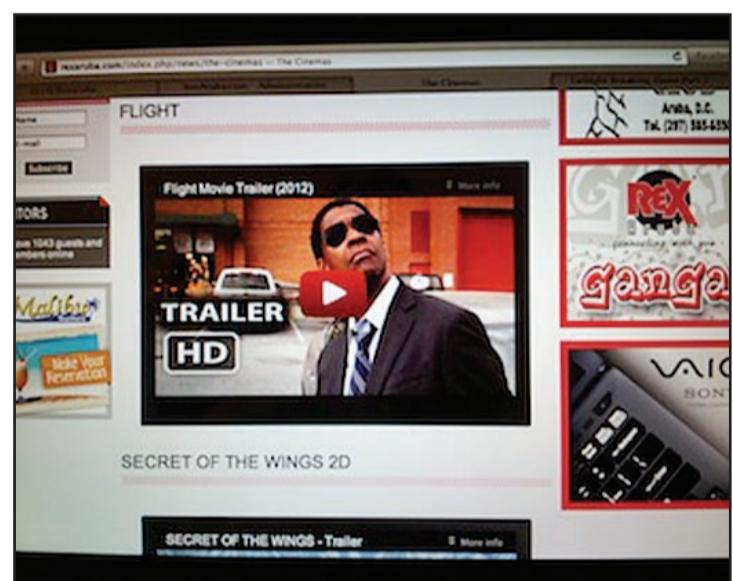
- La Salle College in the Madiki Kavel Bario (Caya frere Servantius, Caya frere Caspar, Caya frere Wilibrordus, Caya frere Gerardus. Caya frere Ricardo, Caya frere Norbertius and Caya frere Fredericus).

- Colegio San Agustin in the Mabon Bario (Caya Pan Bati, Caya Parapete, Caya Butishi, Caya Bohi, Caya Mangasina, Caya Tapushi, Caya Casuela and Caya Maishi Rabo).

Aruba Bank and the participating secondary schools are inviting the entire community of Aruba to come out and join them in this cleanup action. Participate with them for a better and cleaner community.

Serlimar has also joined the Good4TheNeighborhood project and is cooperating on the cleanup days. Each Bario will get a Serlimar container in which to deposit trash and the Serlimar trucks will come by and coordinate and collect these containers. An excellent opportunity for everyone to take advantage of this occasion to clean up around their yard just in time for the holiday season.

There will be lots of music by DJ's in the barrios. Let's all join in the cleanup program and encourage our young people and make this another successful Good4TheNeighborhood 2012 program!



ORANJESTAD -- Last month the new website www.rexaruba.com celebrated its 6-month anniversary. [rexaruba.com](http://www.rexaruba.com) is growing very fast in media popularity. On November 20th the website counter displayed a record breaking 1043 visitors who were simultaneously surfing [rexaruba.com](http://www.rexaruba.com).

One can encounter a variation of topics on [rexaruba.com](http://www.rexaruba.com). Their gallery is very popular among the

land's partygoers who just love searching for their pics after an island event. But there's something for everyone, one can listen to different radio stations, follow the news thru different island media such as The Morning News Aruba, where you can get your local news in English, and many other things.

So if you haven't as yet, take a look at www.rexaruba.com to keep in touch with all the happenings on Aruba dushi tera.

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Aruba Airlines welcomes their first Airbus 320



Minister Oduber, Esteban Valles and Ono de Swart

It was an 8-month effort to obtain clearances and permits, but Aruba's newest home-based airline, Aruba Airlines, welcomed to the Reina Beatrix International Airport yesterday morning the first commercial jet of what they hope to be an expanding fleet.

Airline owners Esteban and Ernesto Valles and Aruba Airlines CEO Ono de Swart gave Aruba Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, airport and tourism officials and various island dignitaries, including the Venezuelan Vice Consul, Orlando Lizardo, a tour of the newly refreshed Airbus 320. The plane has a capacity of 150, of which 12 seats are business class.

Pilots Gordon Perdue and Jeff Bryant brought the plane all the way from Guanzhou, China via Sapporo, Japan, Anchorage, Alaska and finally Kansas City. They did a double low run before cheering islanders before coming in for a landing and the ceremonial water cannon christening on the tarmac.

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Pilots Gordon Perdue and Jeff Bryant



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ablo.
The elegant crowd enjoyed a presentation of the

most delightful wines of Casillero del Diablo, paired with delectable specialties by



chef Kelly, who was in charge of pleasing everyone's palate.

During the evening, entertained by duo the Untouchables, Wine Artist Clive Faus-tin announced the winner of the Casillero del Diablo Manchester United Campaign.

Lucky winner Cindy Kun, won a trip to England for a once in a lifetime opportunity to watch the legendary team play, all expenses paid by Casillero del Diablo and Romar Trading.

Romar Trading.
Pictures here, images from the excellent event at the brand new Sand Bar, a cool and hip hangout on Palm Beach, adjacent to Brickell Bay Beach Resort.

Wine Artists Clive Faustin, Wine Portfolio and Account Team Leader at Romar Trading expressed great satisfaction in regards to the event excellent turn out, the outstanding food, the state of the art decor and naturally the delicious wines!

Aruba Airlines welcomes their first Airbus 320

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Aruba Airlines began operating two years ago with a small seven-seat plane between Aruba and Punto Fijo, Venezuela and Curacao. They expect their first commercial flight on the Airbus 320 to take place by mid-December, to Sao Paolo, Brazil. Future routes are to include Panama, New York, Miami, Newark and Boston, which they pro-

mise will be very competitively priced.

For up to the minute news as new routes are established, visit their website <http://secure.arubaairlines.com>, which offers a enrollment for a frequent flyer reward program and subscription to a regularly issued newsletter.

Rosalie Klein

John McAfee accuses former employee of murder plot

BELIZE -- In the latest twist in a story that has seen him claim to be the victim of a police plot and describe himself dressing up as a Guatemalan street seller to evade capture, John McAfee, the software millionaire, claims to have a recording of a former employee plotting to kill him by planting a bomb at his beachside villa in Belize.

Mr McAfee is wanted for questioning over the murder of Gregory Faull, 52, a retired American builder from Florida, who was shot dead

meters from the millionaire's home more than a week ago. Police say Mr McAfee is not a suspect but is needed to help with their enquiries.

Mr. McAfee, who lived in a \$1.5 million beachside villa on the island of Ambergris Caye off the Belize coast, has repeatedly denied shooting dead his neighbour.

Officials say the poisoning of four of Mr. McAfee's dogs may be linked to the murder of Faull, who lived down the beach.

Cas Di Glas 2012

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So challenge the deejays and have your competition played on the mall's big screen!

For the duration of Cas di Glas a most unusual dining opportunity will be offered. A restaurant in the sky! Dinner will be served to a select group of guests seated 6 meters above the ground. Cocktail or tea parties in the sky are also possible. Reservations should be made at Taste of Belgium Restaurant.

Event organizer Esmeralda stated "Cas di Glas 2012 is ready to rumble - expect an island-wide collection of Wit Gele Kruis volunteers, lots of fun happenings and loads of music, dance and entertainment, all for a good cause!"

Rosalie Klein

Arvefa donates paint to protect our Nature

Fanapa receives paint to paint their tower

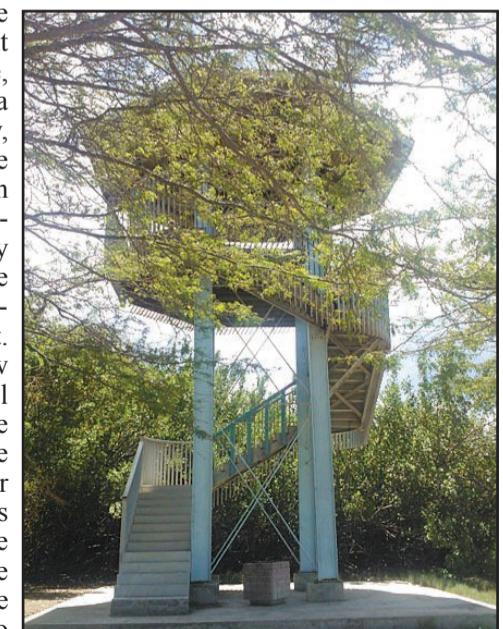


Earlier this month Fanapa (Aruba's foundation of Nature and Parks) received a generous donation of paint to renovate the Fanapa tower.

Mr. Fred Arts, director of Arvefa, visited the tower and

was impressed with the quality of the 15 year old tower that was build using recycled materials from the Divi Divi Hotel. Located across the Mill resort, the tower is a famous spot amongst locals and tourists to watch the wildlife of the Bubali plas. Especially during these months, when it rains a lot, the water levels are high and many different species of birds, such as loudly babbling multicolored prikichi (tropical canaries) flying by or elegant white herons quietly waiting for their next catch.

After more than a decade, the tower needed some attention, especially with our ever



blowing salty trade winds. Being a paint expert of course, since Arvefa is a local paint factory, Mr. Arts choose the best paint to match this structure, to preserve it for many more years to come and donated a generous amount of paint. Over the next few weeks Fanapa will start to renovate slowly but surely the tower, so the tower will be almost as good as new in the New Year. If you are interested about the progress or like to see more pictures, follow Fanapa online on Facebook: Fanapa Aruba

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International news

Pakistan Taliban vow to attack Indian targets over Mumbai gunman



ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Pakistan's Taliban movement threatened yesterday to attack Indian targets to avenge the country's execution of Mohammad Ajmal Kasab, the lone survivor of the militant squad responsible for a rampage through Mumbai that killed 166 people in 2008.

Kasab was hanged on Wednesday amid great secrecy, underscoring the political sensitivity of the November 26, 2008, massacre, which still casts a pall over relations between nuclear-armed rivals Pakistan and India.

The sole surviving gunman from the 2008 Mumbai attacks was executed on November 21 to the relief of survivors and victims' families, nearly four years after 166 people died in the three-day rampage.

People set off fireworks and handed out sweets in Indian cities. Some held up photos of Kasab with a rope noose superimposed over his head.

President: Call us Mexico, not 'United States of Mexico'

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - President Felipe Calderon has one last wish before he leaves office next week: Please change the country's name from "United States of Mexico" to just "Mexico."

The country has officially been named the United States of Mexico since 1824, but Calderon said yesterday it was time for the country to sound less like its powerful northern neighbor.

The conservative leader, who leaves office on December 1, sent a proposal to Congress to officially change the country's name to simply Mexico, dubbing it a "matter of great importance."

"It is time for Mexicans to

take back the beauty and simplicity of our fatherland's name: Mexico. A name we chant, we sing, that makes us happy and fills us with pride," he said, at the Los Pinos presidential palace.

"The name of our country does not have to continue emulating other nations as it was done in the 19th century," he said in a clear reference to the United States of America.

Mexico is an indigenous word that means "the navel of the moon" in the nahuatl language.

Calderon will be succeeded by president-elect Enrique Pena Nieto of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI).

Israel arrests dozens in rare West Bank sweep

RAMALLAH, Palestinian Territories (AFP) - The Israeli army said yesterday it had arrested 55 Palestinian "terror operatives" across the West Bank only hours after a truce came into effect ending the week-long Gaza conflict.

However a Palestinian rights group put the figure at more than 200 and claimed that Israel had engaged in a week-long security sweep coinciding with the Gaza campaign that had previously gone largely unnoticed.

The rare security operation in the more stable of the two Palestinian territories came amid a sudden upsurge in violent protests linked to the Gaza unrest.

The Israeli army said those detained were "affiliated with different terror groups."

Israeli public radio separately reported that those detained included members of

Hamas and Islamic Jihad movements that are based in Gaza but also have representatives in the West Bank.

The Palestinian Prisoners' Club rights watchdog said that 230 people had been hauled away by Israeli security forces from the moment the Gaza violence flared.

The group said in a statement that Israel had launched "a detentions campaign that focused on citizens, community leaders and freed prisoners."

"These arrests came as revenge" for the Gaza rockets that rained down on Israel from Gaza for more than seven days, the group's president Qudura Faris said in the statement.

The army openly conceded that the arrests were related to "recent terrorist and violent activity" in the West Bank -- seen in days of widespread

protests and clashes over Israel's relentless bombing campaign targeting militants in the Gaza Strip.

Later in the day Israeli authorities have arrested the people responsible for the bombing of a rush-hour bus last week in Tel Aviv that wounded 29 people, domestic security agency Shin Bet said yesterday.

"The authors of (the November 21) attack on a bus in Tel Aviv that wounded 29 people were arrested a few hours after the attack" near the West Bank city of Ramallah, a statement said.

"Members of this cell in Beit Lakyah linked to Hamas and (Islamic) Jihad admitted during their interrogation having planned attacks against Israelis, prepared a bomb and chosen Tel Aviv as a target," the statement added.

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International news

Venezuela nabs Colombian drug lord at resort

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuelan authorities arrested a Colombian drug lord -- wanted in Colombia and the United States -- on the resort island of Margarita, the government reported yesterday.

"Officials with the Margarita National Drug Office and the National Guard captured the head of an international drug trafficking gang," said Justice Minister Nestor Reverol on the microblogging

site Twitter.

In a separate tweet, the minister explained that Interpol had issued a red notice against the detainee, Juan Carlos Pena Silva, 26, alerting to the US and Colombian warrants.

While Venezuela is designated by the United Nations as a country free of illicit crops, it is considered to be a major transit point for drugs into the largest consumer markets.

Four Chinese hostages freed in Colombia

BOGOTA (AFP) - Four Chinese oil company employees held hostage since June 2011, allegedly by Colombia's FARC rebels, have been freed in southern Colombia, their embassy said yesterday.

"They released the four Wednesday night in the depart-

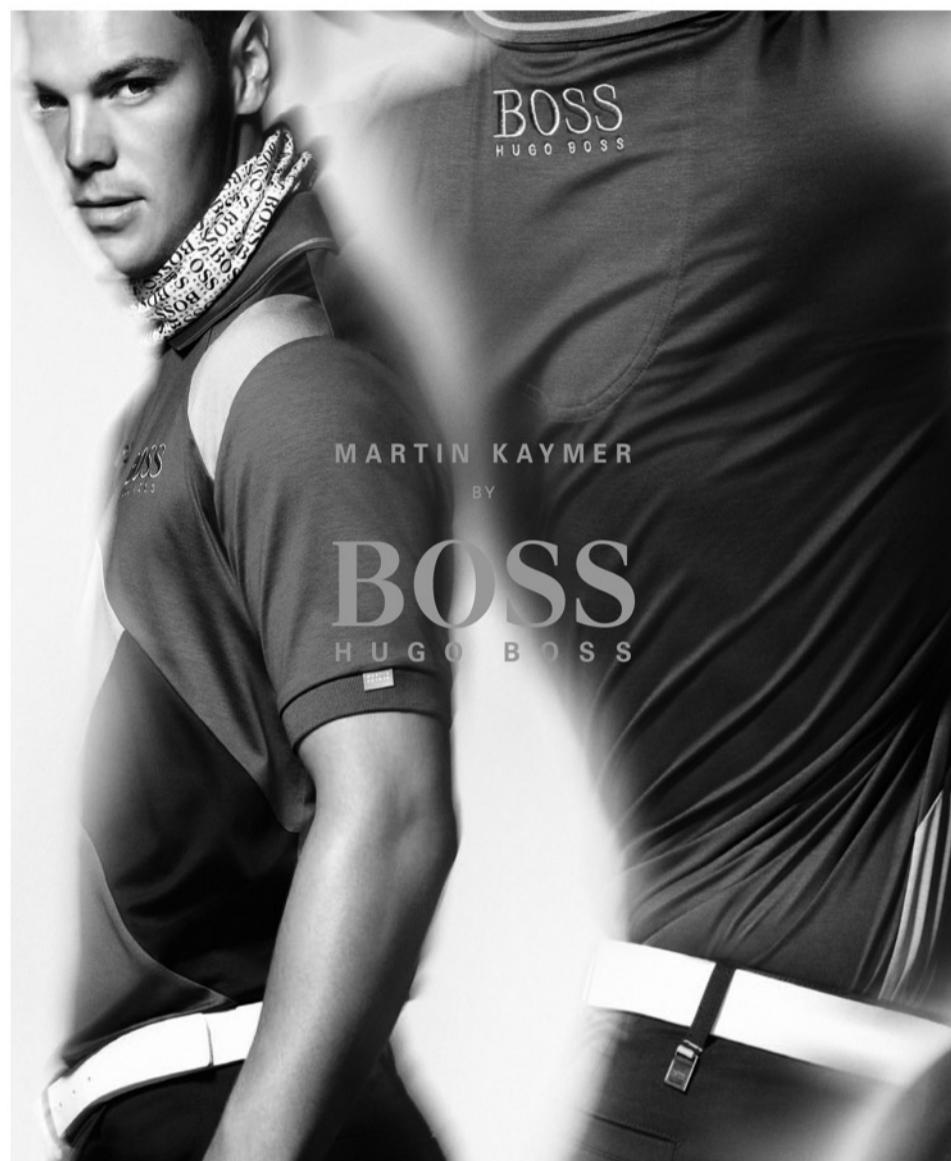
ment of Caqueta. They are in good spirits," said the spokesman of China's embassy.

The official said the identity of the kidnappers was still unknown. He confirmed that the four hostages -- three engineers and a translator -- are Chinese citizens.

Mexican army shuts down three narco-laboratories in Jalisco



A Mexican soldier stands guard next in a clandestine chemical drug processing laboratory discovered in a cave in the mountains of Yahualica, Jalisco State, on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2012. More than 70,000 people have been killed in rising drug-related violence in Mexico since December 2006, when President Felipe Calderon deployed soldiers and federal police to take on organized crime.



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S. Africa's Mandela notes already counterfeited

PRETORIA (AFP) - Chancers in South Africa are already shopping with fake Mandela banknotes, barely two weeks after the new money entered circulation, officials said yesterday.

"When new notes are introduced there are always endeavours to see whether they can be counterfeited or copied," said Gill Marcus, governor of the South African Reserve Bank.

The country's central bank has acknowledged "isolated cases" of counterfeiting of the new banknote series featuring former President Nelson Mandela.

The "Randela" -- a nickname that combines the national currency the rand and the name of South Africa's first black president -- is the latest monument to the 94-year-old.

His smiling face features on the front, while the back re-

tains the images of one of the big five animals -- lion, leopard, rhino, buffalo and elephant -- which also featured on the old money.

Neighbouring Zimbabwe, which also accepts rand, has meanwhile launched a road show to raise awareness of the new notes as the country is "flooded" with fakes, its Re-

serve Bank has said.

But even police there are at a loss to spot the counterfeits.

"We are not familiar with the new banknotes ourselves," said Zimbabwe police spokesman Andrew Phiri.

South Africa's Reserve Bank has advised the public "to look, feel and tilt the banknote" to test if they are real.

Ministry: 10 killed in Yemen military plane crash

SANA (AFP) - A military plane crashed in Sanaa on Wednesday, killing all 10 people on board as it tried to make an emergency landing when an engine failed, Yemen's defence ministry and an airport source said.

A civil defence source said five officers were among the victims.

The plane crashed into an empty lot in Sanaa's northern neighbourhood of Al-Hassaba, according to an AFP photographer who saw three charred bodies lying on the ground at the crash site.

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Health & Living

Infant sleep positioners cause death: US health officials



CHICAGO (AFP) - Bolsters used to keep sleeping babies on their backs pose a suffocation hazard, health officials warned after a recent death raised the 'sleep positioners' toll to at least 13 US infants.

Health officials first warned parents not to use the devices in 2010 and cracked down on manufacturers who claimed they could prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, which claims more than 2,000 infants a year in the United States.

But the 'sleep positioners' -- which typically feature bolsters attached to each side of a thin mat and sometimes a wedge to elevate the baby's head -- remain on the market.

Most of the babies -- all four months of age or younger -- suffocated after rolling from their side to their stomach. Some were found trapped between the bolster and the side of the crib.

In addition to the 13 reported deaths since 1997, the

Consumer Product Safety Commission has received dozens of reports of babies found in "hazardous positions within or next to the product" after they were placed on their back or side in the positioners.

"We urge parents and caregivers to take our warning seriously and stop using these sleep positioners so children can be assured of a safe sleep," Inez Tenenbaum, chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, said in a statement.

Parents should also keep the crib free of pillows, comforters, quilts and toys, said Susan Cummins, a pediatric expert at the Food and Drug Administration.

"The safest crib is a bare crib," she said. "Always put your baby on his or her back to sleep. An easy way to remember this is to follow the ABC's of safe sleep -- Alone on the Back in a bare Crib."

China arrests 90 over child abductions: state media

BEIJING (AFP) - Police have arrested 90 gang suspects across China and freed 28 children who were allegedly kidnapped from the far west and taken to various cities to steal, the China Daily said.

"Suspected gang members

'beat, abused or threatened' these young children to force them to steal and rob in public places," it quoted the Ministry of Public Security spokesman Huang Shihai as saying.

The locations ranged from shopping centres to under-

passes and railway stations, he said.

Authorities carried out the operation last month in Beijing and various provinces around the country as part of a campaign launched in April last year that has netted 2,700 suspects and rescued 2,300 children.

The traffickers also often targeted poor children who had dropped out of school, promising them a path to prosperity in cities elsewhere, a Uighur interpreter named Ablikim who helped with police investigations told the newspaper.

But once they arrived the children were forced to beg or pick pockets.

Tips for Healthy, White Teeth



1. Go on a white-teeth diet. If you're quaffing red wine and black tea, or smoking cigarettes or cigars, expect the results to show up as not-so-pearly whites.
2. Chuck your toothbrush or change the head of your electric toothbrush at least every two to three months. Otherwise, you're just transferring bacteria to your mouth.
3. Clean your tongue with a tongue scraper every morning to remove tongue plaque and freshen your breath.
4. Eat 'detergent' foods. Foods that are firm or crisp help clean teeth as they're eaten. Like apples (otherwise known as nature's toothbrush); other choices include raw carrots, celery, and popcorn.
5. Gargle with apple cider vinegar in the morning and then brush as usual.
6. Brush your teeth with baking soda once a week to remove stains and whiten your teeth. Use it just as you would toothpaste.
7. Stay fresh. Check the freshness of your breath. If you smell something, it's time for a sugar-free breath mint/alcohol-free mouthwashes.
8. Practice flossing with your eyes shut. If you can floss without having to guide your work with a mirror, you can floss in your car, at your desk, while in bed, and before important meetings.
9. Brush your teeth when you first get out of bed and before you get back in at night. They're the two most crucial times.
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Brazil native people say farmers poisoned stream



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Prosecutors opened an investigation on Wednesday into allegations by Guarani Indians in central Brazil that their main source of water was deliberately poisoned by farmers.

The charges were made on behalf of the local indigenous group by pressure group Survival International, which said the affected stream was used by the Ypo'i community for drinking, bathing and cooking.

The stream is some 500 kilometers (310 miles) from Campo Grande, capital city of Mato Grosso do Sul state.

Prosecutors said in a statement that "if the contamination of the drinking water is confirmed, the perpetrators face up to 15 years in prison."

Brazil's National Indian Foundation also said it was looking into the case.

The Guarani used a cell phone to capture images of the

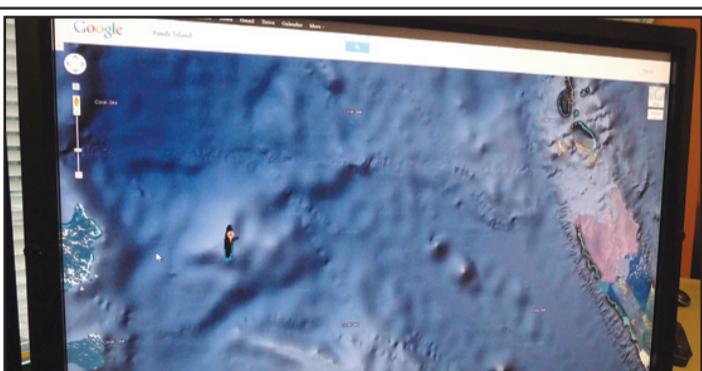
pollution, including video of white foam that churned up for two days along a stretch of waterway, including a section where they have been camping in the Paranhos region.

Survival International said the natives are convinced that the water was poisoned as "a deliberate act and not an accident."

The disputed land belongs to landowner Firmino Escobar, but part of the property has been occupied by the Guarani since 2010. Survival International says the Indians claim the territory as part of their ancestral lands.

At the beginning of the occupation the landlord cut off all access to water, food and medical care, but a court ordered that the natives should be allowed to remain unimpeded on their small plot until the dispute is resolved.

Aussie scientists un-discover Pacific island



-- This November 22, 2012 photo illustration shows a computer screen displaying a The Google Maps location of Sandy Island (A) with the northern tip of New Caledonia (R). The South Pacific island identified on Google Earth and world maps does not exist, according to Australian scientists who went searching for the mystery landmass during a geological expedition. The sizeable phantom island in the Coral Sea is shown as Sandy Island on Google Earth and Google maps, supposedly midway between Australia and New Caledonia. The Times Atlas of the World appears to identify it as Sable Island and according to Dr. Maria Seton the weather maps used by the Southern Surveyor, an Australian maritime research vessel, also say it is there. But when the Southern Surveyor, which was tasked with identifying fragments of the Australian continental crust submerged in the Coral Sea, steamed to where it was supposed to be, it was nowhere to be found

MOKO RESIDENCE 2 In Front of Arawa Park

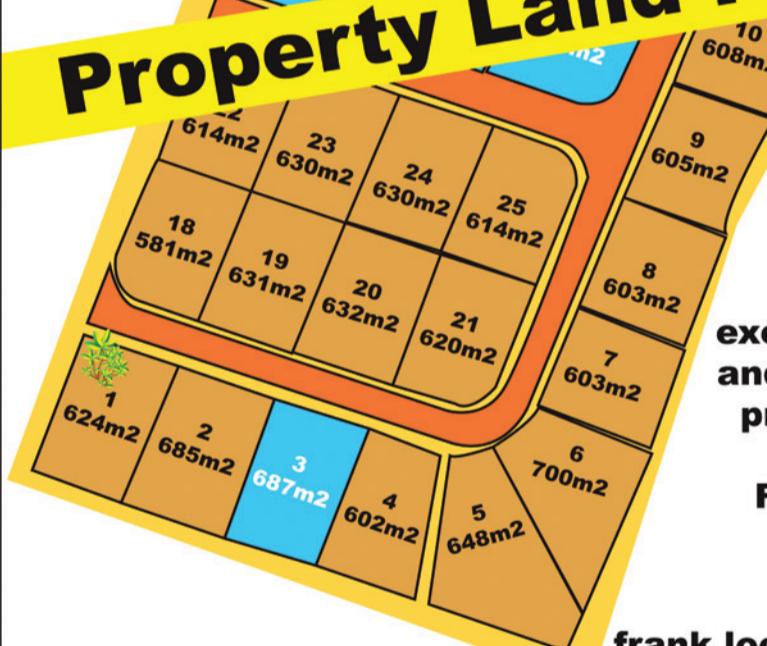


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El Nino unlikely to hit by year-end: UN

GENEVA (AFP) - There is little chance the potentially devastating El Nino weather phenomenon will return before the end of the year, the UN's weather agency said Thursday.

Despite a slight warming of sea surface temperatures in the tropical Pacific ocean in Au-

gust and early September -- an element to El Nino's development -- other factors, including wind and cloud patterns had failed to respond.

The El Nino phenomenon occurs every two to seven years.

It causes a major shift in rainfall, bringing floods and

mudslides to usually arid countries in western South America, drought in the western Pacific and a change in the nutrient-rich ocean currents that lure fish.

El Nino last occurred from June 2009 to May 2010, WMO said.

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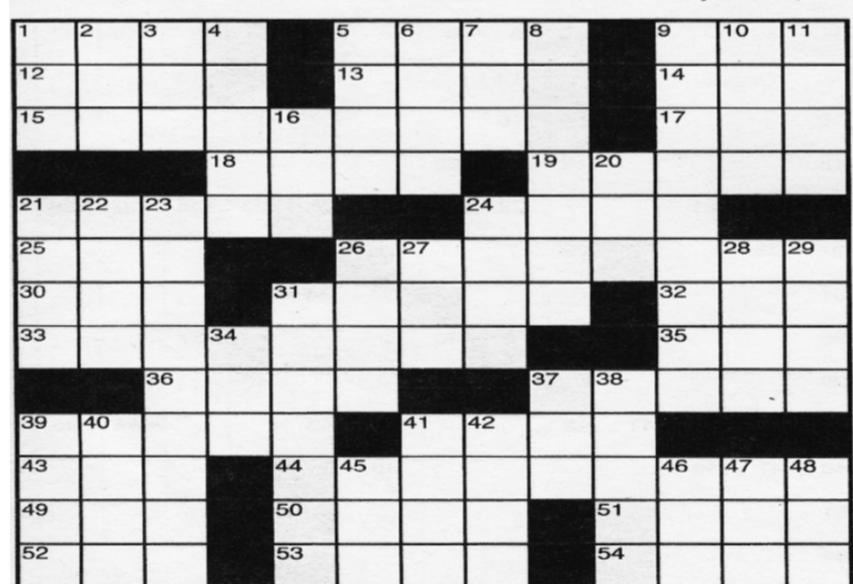


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FINANCE

Cyprus reaches bailout deal with international lenders

NICOSIA (AFP) - Eurozone member Cyprus reached a hard-won bailout agreement with international lenders yesterday, state news agency CNA said.

A "positive conclusion to negotiations between the troika and the government came at around 8:00 pm," a report said, hours after President Demetris Christofias said a deal was near on what the finance minister said would involve some 17 billion euros (\$21.8 billion).

CNA said central bank Governor Panicos Demetrides played a "key role" to en-

sure that an agreement was reached.

Christofias sought to allay fears that officials from the troika of the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund would leave the island empty-handed after more than two weeks.

Finance Minister Vassos Shiarly confirmed that reform of index-linked salaries, privatising the telecommunications authority and managing revenues from a major natural gas find were the remaining sticking points.

Sarkozy escapes indictment in illegal campaign finance case

BORDEAUX (AFP) - Former president Nicolas Sarkozy yesterday avoided indictment in an investigation into allegations that his 2007 election campaign was financed with funds secured illegally from France's richest woman.

Instead, lawyers for the 57-year-old said, prosecutors will continue to deal with Sarkozy as a witness under caution. The decision came at the end of a day-long interrogation of the former French leader.



CHINA, BEIJING : A vendor prepares to carry packages after unloading them from his vehicle in front of a market in Beijing on November 22, 2012. China's manufacturing activity grew in November for the first time in 13 months, HSBC said on November 22, in a further sign of strength in the world's second-largest economy after a marked slowdown. (AFP PHOTO)

RIM stock leaps on new BlackBerry optimism

OTTAWA (AFP) - Research In Motion shares jumped more than 15 percent yesterday after a burst of positive reviews this week by analysts who had been among the beleaguered BlackBerry maker's harshest critics.

Kris Thompson of National Bank Financial upgraded his price target to Can\$15, betting that the stock will rise as momentum builds for the launch of RIM's new BlackBerry 10 operating system and two new smartphones.

Jefferies & Co. analyst Peter Misek doubled his price target to Can\$10 and upgraded the stock from "hold" to "underperform," saying carriers testing the devices apparently have "a much more positive view of BB10 than we expected."

The stock soared to Can\$11.77 on the Toronto Stock Exchange. US bourses were closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

RIM's new devices are aimed at regaining momentum against smartphones from Apple and those using Google's Android operating system.

While most analysts are expecting a March launch for the new smartphones, Thompson predicted they would hit store-shelves a month earlier.

He also noted that RIM's subscriber count had crept up to over 80 million global users this past quarter, rebuffing reports of large corporate and government clients switching to Apple's iPhone.

"The new management team is executing by maintaining the BlackBerry subscriber base, managing costs and cash, and seemingly readying a February 2013 BB10 global platform launch," Thompson wrote in a research note.

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Switzerland	190.48	191.20	192.00
Netherlands	227.55	229.63	231.94
Sweden	25.70	26.42	27.22
Denmark	29.83	30.55	31.35
Norway	30.39	31.11	31.91
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BP, Rosneft say they have signed off on TNK-BP sale

MOSCOW (AFP) - British oil major BP and Russian group Rosneft said yesterday that they have signed a final agreement on the sale by BP to Rosneft of half of the third biggest Russian oil company, TNK-BP, as part of a major shift in strategy by the British company.

"BP, Rosneft and Rosneftgaz -- the state-owned parent company of Rosneft -- have signed definitive and binding sale and purchase

agreements for the sale of BP's 50 percent interest in TNK-BP to Rosneft and BP's investment in Rosneft," a BP statement said. The deal is still subject to approval by regulatory authorities and should be completed "in the first half of 2013.

Once all parts of the complex transaction have been finalised, Rosneft is set to become one of the world's biggest oil companies while BP stands to gain crucial access to Arctic oil reserves.

Euro zone faces deepest downturn since early 2009



LONDON -- The euro zone economy is on course for its weakest quarter since the dark days of early 2009, according to business surveys that showed companies toiling against shrinking order books in November.

Service sector firms like banks and hotels that comprise the bulk of the economy fared particularly badly this month, and laid off staff at a faster pace.

While the monthly rate of decline that manufacturers reported eased far more than economists anticipated, Markit's latest purchasing managers' indices (PMIs) pointed to little change overall for a recession-hit euro zone this

month.

The flash service sector PMI fell to 45.7 this month, its worst reading since July 2009, the survey showed on Thursday, failing to meet the expectations of economists who thought it would hold at October's 46.0.

It has been rooted below the 50 mark that divides growth and contraction for 10 months now, and survey compiler Markit said it was too soon to say if this marked the nadir.

With more austerity on the way, and a reminder of the festering sovereign debt crisis in this week's failure of lenders to agree more aid for Greece, prospects for next year look ominous.

Learning the art of giving, Japanese-style



PARIS (AFP) - What matters at Christmas time is the spirit, right? For those yet to be convinced, a tiny Japanese pavilion in Paris offers to initiate Westerners to a 700-year-old gift-giving ritual known as Origata.

You could hardly be further from the push and shove of the holiday shopping season: the tiny wood-panelled cubicle in the city's Latin Quarter is like a hybrid of concept store, art gallery and miniature temple.

Opened this month by Japanese businessman Takeshi Sato together with a young Frenchman, Joan Larroumec, the Miwa pavilion is billed as an exclusive members' club, offering a gateway to Japanese high culture.

"It's a business venture, but one that also aims to spread knowledge of traditional Japanese culture," explained Larroumec. "It's a window

onto a side of Japan that is inaccessible to most people."

Chief among these customs is the Origata gift ritual, rooted in traditional Shinto culture, which has been practised primarily for the Japanese imperial family since the 14th century.

"It all starts with a tea ceremony, using water exported from Japan," Larroumec said.

"We listen to the person, to the meaning they want their gift to have, how they want the recipient to feel, and then there are a whole set of codes that determine the way we

wrap it, the different paper, knots and folds.

"The aim is to put meaning back into the art of giving."

Except for the word "ori", meaning to fold, Origata bears no relation to the paper-folding craft of origami.

Since the 14th century, Keishosai Ogasawara's family have held the keys to the art as chiefs of protocol for the imperial family, handing down its codes generation to generation and -- in recent years -- sharing them with the public.

She travelled from Tokyo to witness the opening of the pavilion, which was ceremonially inaugurated by two Shinto priests.

-- 'Exact opposite of email'

-- "Origata is about putting your feelings into an object," she explained to AFP, infinitely soft-spoken and clothed in a pale pink kimono. "The knot represents the bond between two people."

"In a world of email and instant communication, this is the exact opposite," added Larroumec.

Kate Winslet receives CBE honor at Buckingham



LONDON (AFP) : British actress Kate Winslet holds her neck badge after being made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for services to drama by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II at an investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace in central London on November 21, 2012. Winslet wore a striking peplum suit and a hat with black and white plumes as she received her CBE from the Queen.

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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Grandma'stoba with classic rice and beans hand-made potato-beet salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese."

This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta).

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, (\$4.49 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda,



Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of

fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facil-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated with Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Football: Europa League results

Europa League results on Thursday:

Group A

Anzhi Makhachkala (RUS) 2 (Samba 72, Eto'o 75)
Udinese (ITA) 0

Group G

Basel (SUI) 3 (Schar 23, Stocker 66, Degen 70)
Sporting Lisbon (POR) 0
Videoton (HUN) 0 Genk (BEL) 1 (Barda 19)

Group H

Neftci PFK (AZE) 1 (Flavinho 10) Partizan Belgrade (SRB) 1 (Mitrovic 67)
Rubin Kazan (RUS) 3 (Karadeniz 1, Rondon 87, 90+3) Inter Milan (ITA) 0

Group I

Hapoel Kiryat Shmona (ISR) v Athletic Bilbao (ESP) - postponed
Sparta Prague (CZE) 1 (Husbauer 53) Lyon (FRA) 1 (Benzia 46)

Group J

Lazio (ITA) 0 Tottenham (ENG) 0
Panathinaikos (GRE) 1 (Vitolo 67-pen) Maribor (SLO) 0

Group K

Metalist Kharkov (UKR) 2 (Cristaldo 46, Xavier 85)
Bayer Leverkusen (GER) 0
Rosenborg (NOR) 3 (Chibuike 28, Elyounoussi 76, Prica 79) Rapid Vienna (AUT) 2 (Schrammel 53, Boyd 66)

Group L

Hannover (GER) 0 Twente (NED) 0
Helsingborgs (SWE) 1 (Sorum 89) Levante (ESP) 3 (Diaz 8, Diop 37, Iborra 81)

Boxing: Hatton will keep emotions in check during comeback



LONDON (AFP) - Ricky Hatton has pledged to keep his emotions in check when the British boxer makes his comeback against Ukraine's Vyacheslav Senchenko on Saturday.

Hatton will be fighting for the first time since May 2009 when Manny Pacquiao handed him the second defeat of his career following a 2007 loss to Floyd Mayweather Jr.

The 34-year-old is adamant he has learned from the mistakes he made in both those contests and insists he will show a more controlled approach against former world champion Senchenko.

"I've spent so much time sulking about the Mayweather defeat and the Pacquiao defeat. They were my two biggest fights and I messed up," Hatton said.

"I was too aggressive, too over eager. If I make that mistake all over again then I'm not the fighter I think I am."

Hatton spent the three years since his last fight in turmoil as he battled with spiralling

weight, drink and drugs problems and depression that left him on the verge of suicide.

But he has got back down to a fighting weight and a sell-out crowd hope to see the victorious return of the local hero at Manchester Arena this weekend.

"It will be a very emotional night for me. The ring walk, if you talk to most fighters, it's where you get your nerves together, you start thinking about your family and your kids, what you've gone through to get to this point," he said.

"Life has kicked my arse. I've got so much tension and anger inside me that I want to throw at Senchenko but I can't throw it at him like I did against Manny Pacquiao. It's got to be to the game plan and in a positive manner."

"If I'm the champion I believe I am, it won't be a problem holding it all together. Although they might need a mop and bucket when I'm leaving the ring."

SPORTS

Boxing: Holyfield auction is on

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Hundreds of Evander Holyfield's ring mementoes are to go up for auction next week, even though the former heavyweight world champion obtained a court ruling excluding 12 treasured items from the sale.

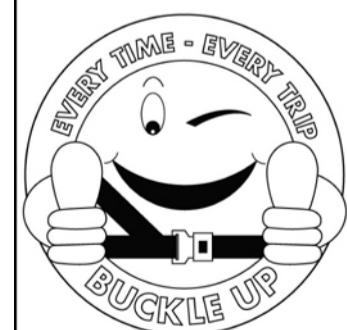
Darren Julien, president and chief executive of Julien's auction house, said in a statement after a judge on Wednesday temporarily blocked the sale that "We are confident that we will ultimately prevail when these frivolous claims are actually decided on the merits, and once we have won, we fully expect and intend to sell these few items in a future auction."

According to a press release issued in July, the auction was originally slated to include robes and trunks worn by Holyfield for his 1996 upset victory over Mike Tyson and gloves worn in Holyfield's 1997 re-match with Tyson in which Tyson famously bit Holyfield's ear.

Holyfield sued to stop the auction earlier this month, saying he didn't give permission to sell a majority of the items.

Julien's has since sued a Holyfield's assistant who was tasked with confirming the history of each item and securing Holyfield's approval for its sale.

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NBA: Durant helps lift Thunder over Clippers in OT

OKLAHOMA CITY (AFP) - Three-time scoring champion Kevin Durant sank 19 of 21 free throws and finished with 35 points to lead the Oklahoma City Thunder to a 117-111 overtime win over the Los Angeles Clippers Wednesday.

Durant shot just seven of 19 from the floor and had six turnovers, but he performed well enough to help the defending Western Conference champion Oklahoma City win their third straight game.

Durant also had a half dozen rebounds, grabbed five steals and dished out five assists for the Thunder, who have won eight of their last nine

games and are 9-3 on the season.

Russell Westbrook posted 23 points and nine assists, while Serge Ibaka added 15 points and 12 boards in the victory.

Blake Griffin poured in 23 points, but Chris Paul recorded just nine points on two-of-14 shooting for the Clippers, who had their six-game winning streak halted.

First place Oklahoma City will now head east for contests with Boston and Philadelphia.

The Thunder, who lost to Miami in the NBA finals last

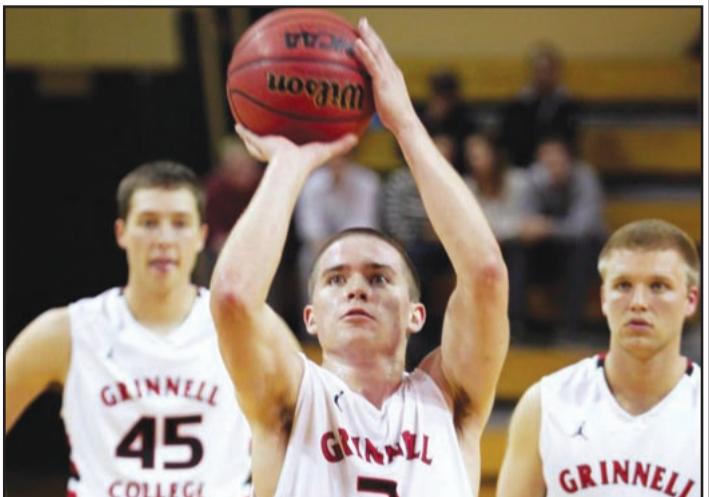
year, had lost three of four meetings with the Clippers last season.

Paul also had nine assists for the Clippers, who are off to an impressive start to the season and have scored 100-plus points in nine of their first 11 games.

The Clippers won their sixth game in a row Monday with a 92-87 decision against the San Antonio Spurs in the opener of a four-game road trip.

Los Angeles will visit Brooklyn and Atlanta next on their road trip.

Grinnell College player set NCAA scoring record



- Jack Taylor, a 5-foot-10 guard at Grinnell College, hit 18 three-point shots in the last 20 minutes of the game. The Division III guard shattered the NCAA scoring record with 138 points, hoisting a mind-boggling 108 attempts — or one shot every 20 seconds — in eclipsing the previous record by 25 points. Taylor made 27 of 71 3-point attempts, was 52 of 108 overall from the field and added seven free throws on 10 attempts while playing 36 minutes in Grinnell's 179-104 victory over Faith Baptist Bible on Tuesday night in Grinnell, Iowa. Grinnell is famous for its frenetic style; rush the ball up the court and let it fly.

NHL: Owners mull latest union offer to end lockout

NEW YORK (AFP) - National Hockey League owners were reviewing the latest offer from the players' union on Wednesday, but both sides remain far apart as they attempt to end the two month long lockout.

The NHL Players Association made the new offer Wednesday morning as the two sides met in New York. The owners said they would review it.

Despite two meetings this week, there was little progress as the negotiating teams head into the US Thanksgiving holiday.

"We're still far apart," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said on Wednesday. "But hope-

fully there's some momentum so we can bring this process to a successful conclusion."

Bettman said that the league business is losing between \$18 million to \$20 million per day, while players are losing between \$8 million to \$10 million per day.

Regular season games through the end of November have been wiped off the schedule, while the league also canceled the outdoor Winter Classic contest that was to be held on New Year's Day in Detroit between the Toronto Maple Leafs and Red Wings.

The two sides have been without a contract since the last one expired on September 15.



LAKE LOUISE (AFP) : Switzerland's Didier Defago skis during the downhill practice for the Alpine Skiing World Cup in Lake Louise, Canada yesterday.



Canada's Erik Canada's Erik skis during the downhill practice for the Alpine Skiing World Cup.

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Golf: Donald leads McIlroy by one in Dubai



DUBAI (AFP) - All it took was 18 holes for the cream to rise to the top as world No.2 Luke Donald took a one-shot lead over world No.1 Rory McIlroy after the opening round of the \$8million DP World Tour Championship on Thursday.

At the Earth course of Jumeirah Golf Estates, England's Donald shot a bogey-free round of seven-under par 65, while McIlroy could have joined him on the top but had to be satisfied with a par on the par-5 final hole after hitting his tee shot into the water.

That left McIlroy, who has already won the European Tour's Race to Dubai crown by taking an unassailable lead on top of the Money List, at six-under par 66 and tied for sec-

ond with Spain's Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano and Scotland's Marc Warren.

Meanwhile, world No.4 and No.6, Lee Westwood of England and Louis Oosthuizen of South Africa, were another shot behind and tied fourth at five-under par 67 in a group that also included major champions Padraig Harrington and Martin Kaymer.

World No.7 Justin Rose was in a group of 10 players tied at 11th place at four-under par 68.

Donald, who won last week's Dunlop Phoenix Open on Japan Golf Tour, was delighted to carry on his form from there. After making an eight-footer on the first and a 15-footer on the fourth to save pars, he unleashed seven birdies in a stretch of 10 holes.

Donald, who lost his crown of being the No.1 player in the world and on the US PGA and European Tours to McIlroy this year, said it definitely felt different this year without feeling the pressure of trying to win the Race to Dubai, although his goals were the same as last year.

"Definitely, the feeling was a different one today on the first tee. There was a lot at stake for me last year, so obviously, I felt the pressure," said Donald, who had shot successive rounds of 66 over the weekend to finish third here in 2011.

McIlroy, who made the turn at one-under and then made five birdies in the next seven holes, said: "I got off to a little slow start even though I

thought I was hitting the ball well enough give myself opportunities for birdies.

Meanwhile, the tournament lost its fourth player in Ireland's Shane Lowry, who pulled out in the morning after picking up a virus at the beginning of the week.

The Portugal Masters win-

ner was taken to hospital yesterday and put on drips for some time before being released.

The \$8 million tournament is the season-ending championship on the European Tour and only the top-60 players in the Money List qualify for it.

'Macho' Camacho brain dead: doctor



SAN JUAN (AFP) - Former three-time world boxing champion Hector "Macho" Camacho is brain dead after being shot in the neck in Puerto Rico, his doctor said Thursday. Doctors were still performing tests before meeting with his family, said Ernesto Torres, the director of the Centro Medico hospital. Torres said the bullet "damaged three arteries that run through the neck and as a result blood is not flowing well" to Camacho's brain. "Clinically, Hector 'Macho' Camacho is brain dead," the doctor said, adding that it will be up to the family to decide whether to disconnect the respirator keeping the boxer alive, he added at the press conference.



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